

Notice subject	Federal Register citation	Docket No.
Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Florida Scrub-Jay and Sand Skink; Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion Applicants: Founders Ridge Development, LLC and Founders Ridge Development II, LLC.	88 FR 72774; October 23, 2023.	FWS-R4-ES-2023-0198
Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Florida Scrub-Jay; Volusia County, FL; Categorical Exclusion Applicant: Hector Aponte.	88 FR 72775; October 23, 2023.	FWS-R4-ES-2023-0194
Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Orange County, FL; Categorical Exclusion Applicant: Orange County Parks and Recreation Division.	88 FR 72776; October 23, 2023.	FWS-R4-ES-2023-0193

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R1–ES–2023–N097; FXES11130100000–234–FF01E00000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before January 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability and comment submission: Submit a request for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (e.g., Dana Ross, ES001705):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, Regional Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232–4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Colson, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231–6283 (telephone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
PER0008917–2	Institute for Applied Ecology, Corvallis, OR.	Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>).	Oregon	Harm and harass by pursuit, capture, handle, identify, release; capture gravid adult females in the wild and transport to a captive propagation facility; transport larvae and pupae from a captive propagation facility to the wild; and salvage.	Amend.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
ES19239B	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, WA.	Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>).	Washington	Harass by survey and monitor (foot and drone); capture, handle, biosample, and release; captively propagate and release; salvage; and lethally collect voucher specimens.	Renew with changes.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue a permit to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Regional Program Manager for Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–WASO–NRSS–EQD–SSB—NPS0036744; PX.P0306931A.00.1; OMB Control Number 1024–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Visitor Impacts and Experiences Related to Wildlife in Yellowstone National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we, the National Park Service (NPS) are proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 6, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this information collection request (ICR) can be sent to the NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR–ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive, (MS 244) Reston, VA 20192, VA 20191 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number “1024–NEW (YELL Wildlife Survey)” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Lauren Miller, Social Scientist, at lauren_miller@nps.gov (email) or 307–250–9404 (telephone). Please reference OMB Control Number 1024–NEW (YELL Wildlife Survey) in the subject line of your comments. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary for the proper functions of the NPS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the NPS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the NPS

minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Authorized by 54 U.S. Code § 100702, Yellowstone National Park (YELL) established its strategic priorities in 2019 that help to guide short- and long-term decision-making. Specifically, Strategic Priority #2 focuses on taking the actions necessary to strengthen, preserve, and protect YELL's natural and cultural resources, including their associated processes, systems, and values in an unimpaired condition. Actions to fulfill this priority include conducting scientific research to inform resource-related decision-making, park planning, and education. The NPS proposes this new information collection request, Visitor Impacts and Experiences Related to Wildlife in Yellowstone National Park, to use scientific research about visitor impacts and experiences to inform park planning and management.

The Northern region of Yellowstone National Park (*e.g.*, Lamar Valley, Slough Creek) faces increased visitation as a result of wildlife viewing, which has led to issues of wildlife habituation. YELL wildlife managers, volunteers, and commercial use authorization (CUA) holders have substantial historical knowledge regarding human-wildlife conflicts in the park. This study seeks to expand that knowledge base by understanding visitors' perceptions and behaviors related to wildlife viewing and human-wildlife conflicts by employing on-site surveys with YELL visitors in the Lamar Valley during peak wolf-watching periods over the course of one winter, spring, and summer